

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS SECTION MEETING

MINUTES

The Professional Engineers Section of the Virginia Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects (APELSCIDLA Board) met on November 17, 2010, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, with the following members present:

Nico De León
Stanley C. Harris
Wiley V. Johnson, III

Staff present for all or part of the meeting were:

Gordon N. Dixon, Director
Mark N. Courtney, Deputy Director of Licensing and Regulation
Kathleen (Kate) R. Nosbisch, Executive Director
Marian Brooks, Board Administrator
Amy Goobic, Administrative Assistant
Earlyne Perkins, Legal Analyst

No representative was present from the Office of the Attorney General.

Mr. Johnson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Call to Order

Mr. Harris moved to approve the agenda. Mr. De León seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: De León, Harris and Johnson.

Approval of Agenda

There were no comments made to the Section.

Public Comment Period

Regarding **File Number 2010-04987, Rigoberto Sanchez**, the Section members reviewed the record of the Informal Fact-Finding Conference, which consisted of the application file, transcripts and exhibits and the summary and recommendation of the presiding Board member. Mr. Harris moved that the Board accept the recommendation of the presiding Board member and approve Mr. Sanchez' application for a professional engineer license by comity. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Harris and Johnson.

File Number 2010- 04987, Rigoberto Sanchez

As the presiding Board member, Mr. De León was not present during the discussion or vote.

Ms. Nosbisch reported that Mr. Harris has been asked to serve on a committee for NCEES. Although Mr. Harris continues to serve until replaced, his term expired June 30, the Section and Board will need to vote

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him as a 'Board Member Emeritus.' Mr. De León moved to grant Mr. Harris the emeritus title. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: De León, Harris and Johnson. Ms. Nosbisch stated that this matter will appear before the full board at the December 16 meeting.

Discussion was held on the NCEES Engineering Education Standard to be used by the NCEES Credential Evaluations when evaluating transcripts from non-EAC/ABET programs. Ms. Nosbisch will follow up with NCEES on the number of hours required in the standard, as written, it appears to be fewer hours than an ABET degree.

The Section members were provided a copy of the 2010 Engineering Awards brochure.

Ms. Nosbisch informed the Section that she received correspondence from NCEES regarding the board's request to move from the North East Zone to the Southern Zone. Per the correspondence received from NCEES, Ms. Nosbisch will draft a letter to be sent to all Zones informing them of the request. Mr. Johnson will make a motion at the NCEES Annual meeting to rezone the Virginia APELSCIDLA Board to the Southern Zone. If the motion is approved, the rezoning would be effective after the 2012 Annual Meeting.

Ms. Nosbisch informed the Section of the 2011 NCEES Board Presidents' Assembly in February. NCEES will fund the MBA and one board member. Mr. Harris moved to approve Ms. Nosbisch and Mr. Johnson as the funded attendees. Mr. De León seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: De León, Harris and Johnson.

Section members were provided correspondence received from Craig Moore, Virginia Society of Professional Engineers (VSPE). Mr. Moore has concerns regarding a company that was advertising dam inspection services. Ms. Nosbisch informed the section she contacted VSPE and spoke with Leigh Dicks, Executive Director, and informed her of the process Mr. Moore should follow to file a complaint with the Board. Ms. Dicks indicated that Mr. Moore wasn't filing a complaint but rather seeking an opinion from the Board. The section members requested that Ms. Nosbisch contact Mr. Moore to specify exactly what he wanted the Board to consider. The section members also requested the Dam Safety Regulations for review as it relates to this matter. The issue will be further discussed at the next section meeting on February 8, 2011.

Ms. Nosbisch informed the Section that JMU is still under consideration by PCS, as a testing site for the FE exam.

Other Business

The Section reviewed and provided comment on the revisions to the engineer regulations made by staff.

Regulatory Review

Conflict of Interest forms were completed by all members present.

**Conflict of Interest
Forms**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Adjourn

Wiley V. Johnson III, Chair

Gordon N. Dixon, Secretary